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St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

5th Sunday of Easter May 17th and 18th

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

- Sat. May 17 5pm Estevan; **†**Gary Young
- Sun. May 18 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
- Sun. May 18 10am Estevan; Mass for the People
- Tues. May 20 6:30pm Estevan; +Beatrice Olheiser
- Wed. May 21 11am Hospital; **†**Joanne Weisgerber
- Thurs. May 22 9am Estevan; In Thanksgiving for Sari and Paul
- Fri. May 23 10:30am Regional; Special Intentions
- Sat. May 24 5pm Estevan; **†**Gary Young
- Sat. May 24 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
- Sun. May 25 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention

Sun. May 25 10am Estevan; Mass for the People

I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God. -Psalm 145

| May 16: | 6:30pm Confirmation | | | |
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| | Rehearsal | | | |
| May 17: | 5pm Confirmation | | | |
| | Celebration | | | |
| May 20: | 6:15pm Benediction | | | |
| May 20: | 7pm PPC Meeting | | | |
| May 22: | 9:30am Coffee in the Hall | | | |
| May 22: | 7pm SJB Choir Practice | | | |
| May 24: | 11:45am Blessed Meals | | | |
| May 27: | 9:45am CWL Executive | | | |
| | Meeting | | | |
| May 27: | 6:15pm Benediction | | | |
| May 29: | 9:30am Coffee in the Hall | | | |
| May 29: | 7pm SJB Choir Practice | | | |
| June 6: | 6:15pm First Friday | | | |
| | Devotion | | | |
| June 7: | Name Tag Weekend | | | |
| June 8: | 11am Parish Fun Day | | | |
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| Concession Menu | | Activities | |
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| BBQ Hamburger | 5 Tickets | (1 - 3 Tickets Per Activity) | |
| BBQ Cheeseburger | 6 Tickets | Photobooth | Rock Painting |
| BBQ Double Cheeseburger | 8 Tickets | Sucker Tree | Treasure Hunt |
| Hot Dogs | 4 Tickets | Fish Pond | Ring Toss |
| Vegetarian Egg Roll | 2 Tickets | Balloon Darts | Corn Hole |
| Deep Fried Wontons 6 for | 5 Tickets | Bean Bag Toss | Face Painting |
| Bag of Chips | 1 Ticket | Cake Walk | Bouncy Castles |
| Freezie | 1 Ticket | Dunk Tank | |
| Rice Krispie Cake | 1 Ticket | (Yes, Father Thuy will be in the | |
| Drinks | 1 Ticket | Dunk Tank!) | |
| (Coffee, Bottled Water, Pop |) | | |
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St. John the Baptin Parish Ticket

Cash Only Activities

50/50 Draw Pie Auction Garage Sale Raffle Table

Tickets are distributed to each child at the end of every Holy Mass and all games will require tickets to play.

You may also purchase tickets at the Fun Day or in advance at the Parish Office.

1 Ticket = \$1

Family Pack: 50 Tickets = \$40



Entertainment For All Ages!

Karaoke!!

See you there!

John the Baptist Parish Ticket

Bring Your Family And Friends!!!

All proceeds are going to the St. John the Baptist Parish Youth Fund.



Pastor's Corner – Rejoice with the Risen Lord and His Church!

This Easter season fills our hearts with deep joy. Christ is truly risen—Alleluia! And in that same Easter spirit, we rejoice as the Universal Church welcomes a new Holy Father, the successor of Saint Peter. Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV, that the Holy Spirit may guide his ministry with wisdom, courage, and mercy.

We also celebrate many blessings in our own parish. What a joy it was to witness our children receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion, especially in the presence of our beloved bishop, **Most Rev. Don Bolen**. His pastoral visit was a profound sign of our communion with the diocesan Church and his tender care for each one of us.

I am especially grateful to see the growing presence of our young children on Sunday Mass. Their stronger faith, radiant smiles, and angelic singing have truly brought a sense of sacredness and joy to our liturgy. I sincerely thank the teachers and staff of **Sacred Heart School** and **St. Mary School**, our devoted music ministers, and especially you, dear parents, for bringing your children to the Church and nurturing their faith. To reward and encourage our young disciples, I am calling upon **all parish organizations and families** to help us make our upcoming **Parish Fun Day** a truly unforgettable celebration for the children. The event will take place **on Sunday, June 8, 2025, immediately after the 10:00am Mass**.

We need many volunteers to assist with games, food, music, and our garage sale. We also need generous donations of **prizes and gifts** for the children. Let this be a day where every child feels the warmth and joy of growing up in a loving, faith-filled community.

Once again, I express my heartfelt thanks to **Bishop Don Bolen** for his presence and pastoral love, to all catechists and parents, and to everyone who has played a part in forming our children in the faith. May St. John the Baptist Parish continue to grow stronger in unity, holiness, and mission. With gratitude and joy,

Fr. Thuy Nguyen





"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34) "As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbour" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

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